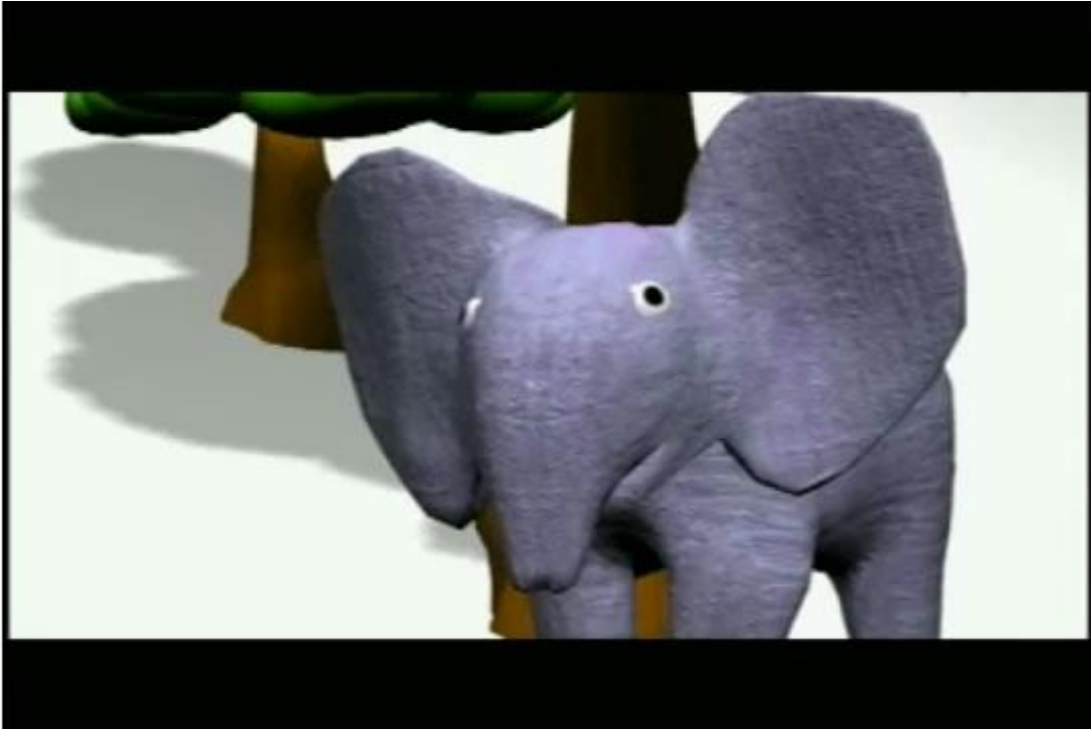
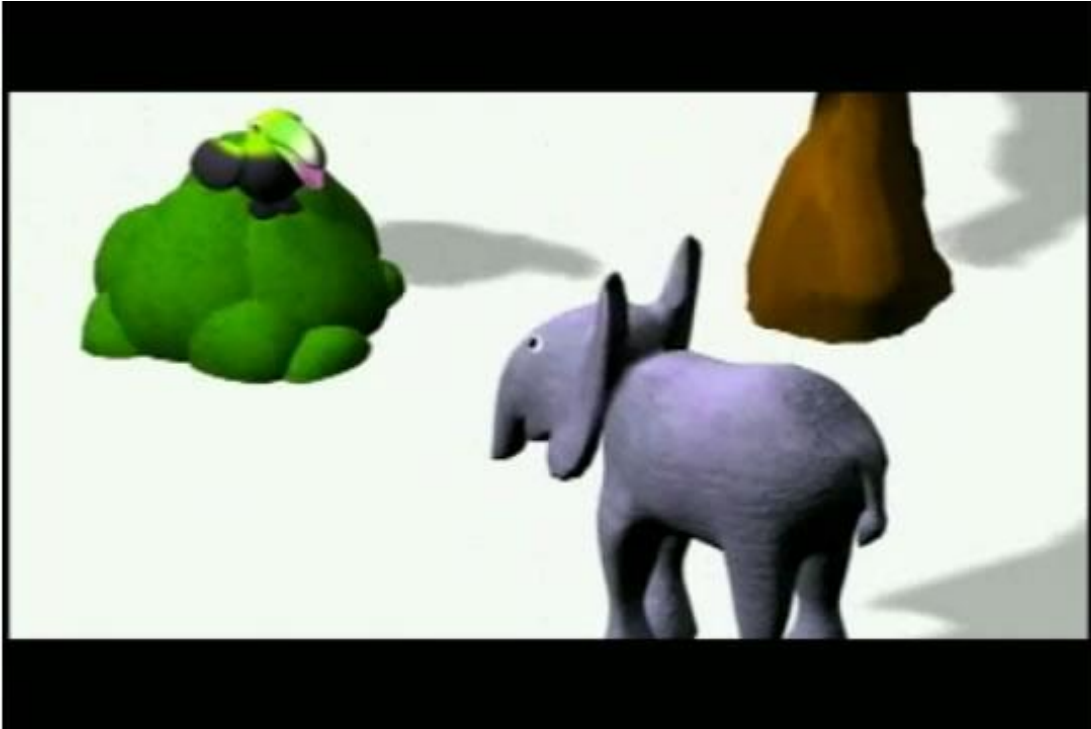


The Elephant's Child

OR
HOW THE ELEPHANT GOT HIS TRUNK



Many years ago there was a baby elephant. Like other elephants, he had no trunk.



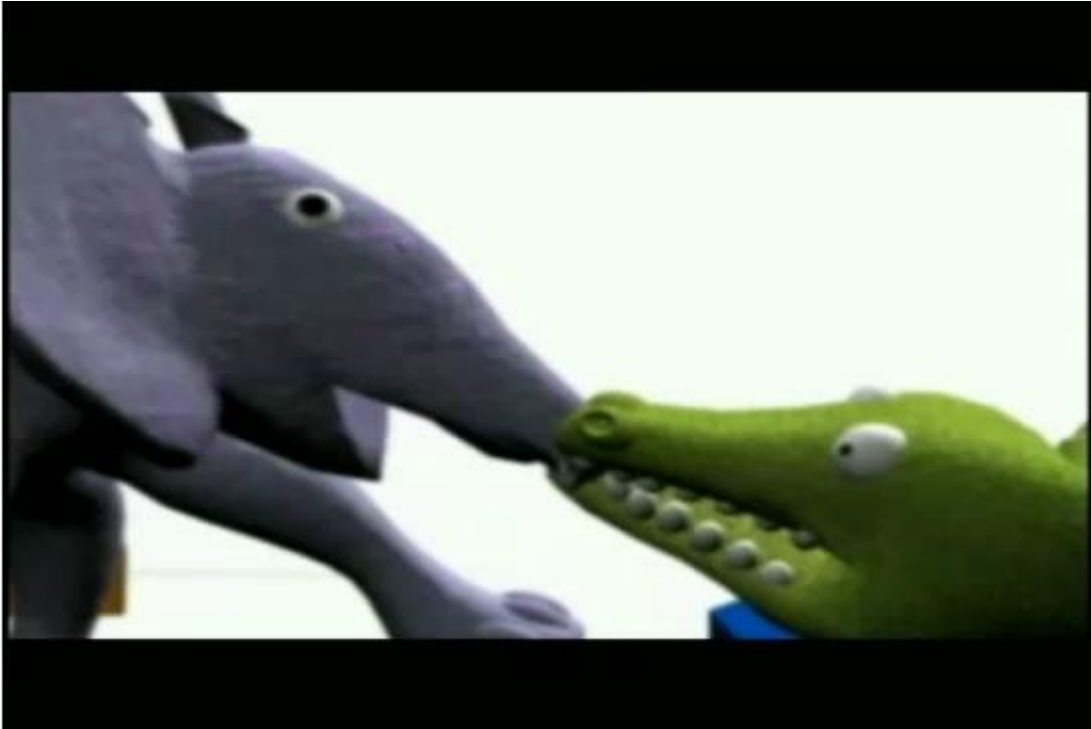
This baby elephant was very curious. He asked the green bush bird "What do crocodiles eat for dinner"? The green bush bird said "Go to the river and ask the crocodile yourself".



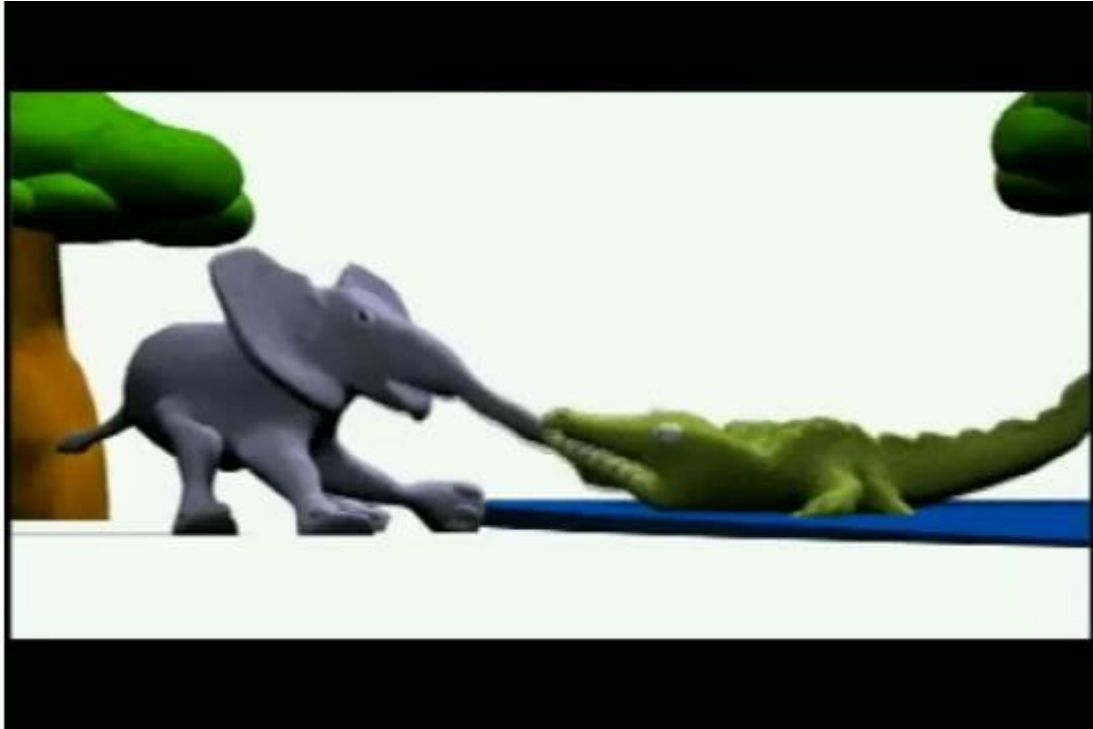
At the river he met a crocodile that almost bit him. The baby elephant was naïve and did not know it was a crocodile who wanted to eat him. He asked "What do crocodiles eat for dinner"?



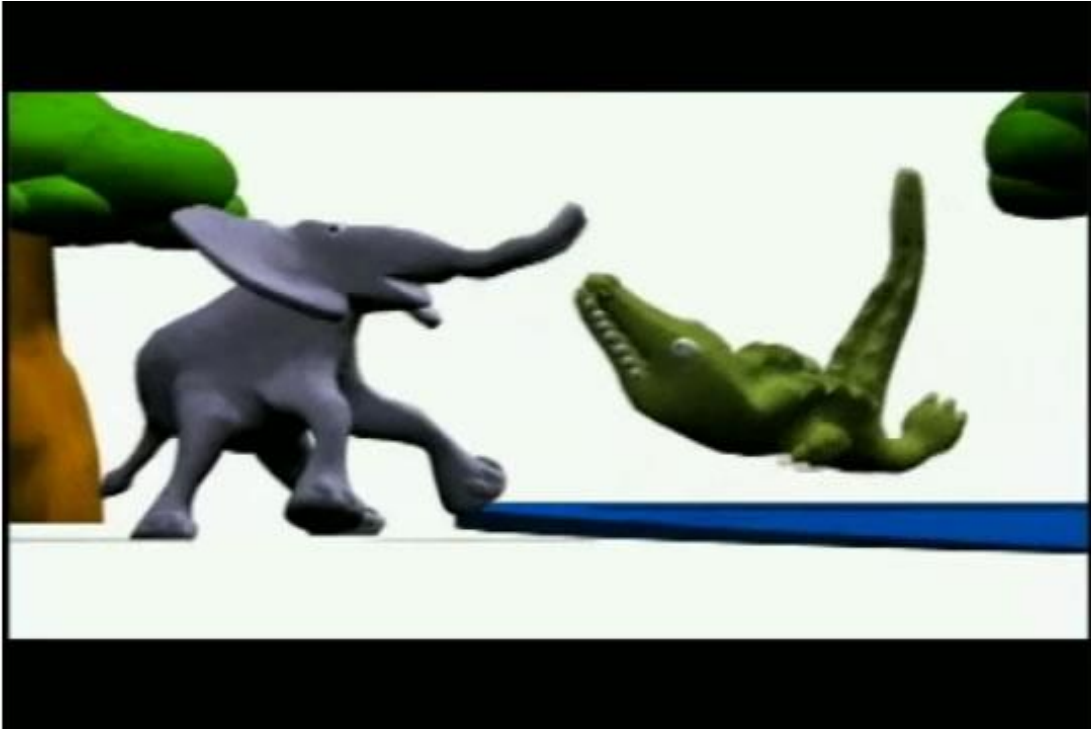
The crocodile said "Come hither, young elephant. I will whisper in your ear".



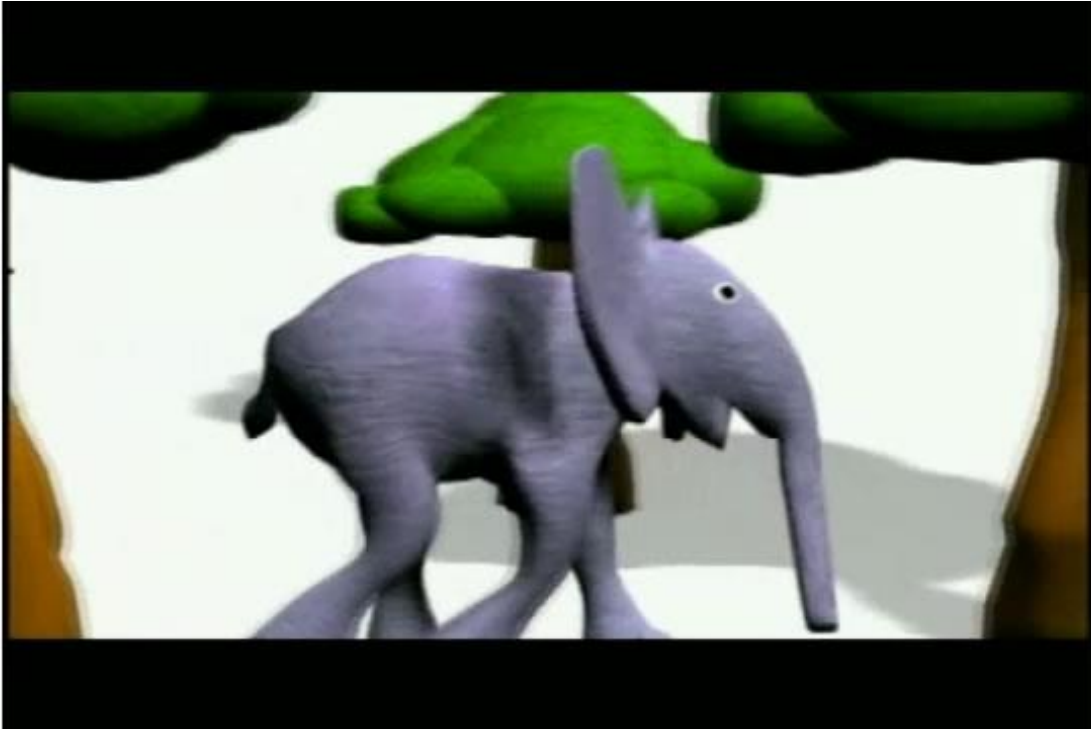
When the naïve baby came close the crocodile chomped down on his nose.



The baby elephant screamed and pulled and pulled to get away. His nose began to stretch.



Finally the elephant was free and his nose was now very long.



He ran away, never to return to that river. And that is how the elephant got his trunk.